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Commit to Character Trait for February is — Inclusiveness

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We include everyone in what we do and value their unique contributions.

MINESING CENTRAL IS ONLINE—<http://min.scdsb.on.ca>

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a great month of January here at Minesing, where we have enjoyed our return to learning and community with staff and students. All of our students enjoyed 'moving and grooving' with our guest teachers from Groove Education, while our junior students participated in 'Arts for Arts' Sake' and our Kindergartens and Gr. 1's benefitted from the visiting 'Scientists in the Schools' program.

We look forward to our 6th annual 'Carnaval d'hiver' on February 2nd (weather permitting/field conditions) when we will all get outside for team-building games and activities and warm up with hot chocolate provided by our wonderful School Council!

As we move towards the end of Term 1 and the beginning of Term 2, please remember to monitor your children's school work and assignments and encourage them to follow the goals that they and their teachers set in the Progress Report.

Please note that the Term 1 report card will go home on February 16 and will include learning skills as well as grades for each subject. Although there will not be pre-scheduled parent-teacher meetings, if you would like to speak with your child's teacher, you are always welcome to call the school to arrange for a mutually convenient time to talk and-or meet. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the staff if you have questions or concerns about your child or the school.

As always, I would like to thank our parent community and our School Council for your continued support and encouragement. We are well into a new year full of team work around the many initiatives that take place in our school.

Respectfully yours, Sonia Kadela

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DAVE GARNER

Minesing School staff and students send our deepest sympathy to the family of Dave Garner who recently passed away. Dave was Principal at Minesing School from 2006 until his retirement in 2013 and is fondly remembered by many. Funeral and visitation arrangements are available at <https://www.adamsfuneralhome.ca/> Messages of condolence may also be left on the funeral home website.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MESSAGE

We hope everyone is enjoying the winter! We are looking forward to the coming months and exciting things ahead. We need your help! Volunteers play a key role in the school to support our lunch program and other fundraisers. Money raised is used to help purchase supplies and materials for your child's classroom.

Coming soon is this year's "STEAM" evening on April 4th. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with this great event.

Also, keep your eyes open for the "BIG BOX of CARDS" fundraiser coming your way this Spring! If you have offered to volunteer in the past, thank you so much for your time and commitment, if you have been thinking of coming out to help, there will be a number of opportunities in the coming months. Please reach out and let us know. Volunteer co-ordinators will be in touch if you have provided your contact information on the volunteer list.

Our next council meeting is Wed. February 7th at 6:30pm.

Stay Warm! Jen Fraser and Sara van Kolfshoten

MATH CORNER

SCDSB Math Goal

Students will:
demonstrate competence in the strands of mathematical proficiency and articulate their mathematical thinking and the progress they are making towards learning goals and success criteria.

Try this Math Challenge! (shared by SCDSB Math)

Minds On: Fill'em Up

Nine containers look like letters of the alphabet when viewed face-on. Water is slowly poured into each container through one of the holes at the top at the same rate.

Which container takes the longest to fill? How do you know?

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE *IMPORTANT NOTICE*



Parents are reminded that items available for payment through the School Cash Online system **always close at NOON on the payment due date.** Online payments cannot be made after this time.

This allows time for payment reports to be prepared and provided to staff and/or lunch coordinators by the end of day on the due date.

Payment notice, and deadline dates and times, are provided for your information on all payment items. If you miss an online payment deadline, you may still pay for your item in the form of cash, cheque or money order by the end of the day on the due date.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

SAFE ARRIVAL TIPS

For those of you who are somewhat new to the Safe Arrival system, or need a refresher course, here are a few helpful things to know about Safe Arrival:

- *You can call the Safe Arrival line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Minesing Central P.S. Safe Arrival number is 705-728-1944, press 1.

- *You can call Safe Arrival ahead of time for a student absence to help you stay organized. For example, if your child has an appointment or is taking a vacation one month from now, you can leave those dates on the Safe Arrival Line and tell us when your child is returning to school. Our system enables us to keep track of the entire school year.
- *If you are calling in an absence, please try to do so before 9:15 am. This is a good way to ensure you do not get a call from our automated Safe Arrival System asking you to contact the school.
- It is not sufficient to only tell your child's teacher about an absence. Please also let the office know.

If you have any further questions about Safe Arrival please feel free to contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

MINESING CENTRAL CARNIVAL D'HIVER

It's time again to celebrate winter at Minesing Central's Carnival d'hiver!

Our wonderful French teachers, Mme.Kobylnik and Mme. Naccarato have planned a full day of fun outdoor activities for the whole school on Friday, February 2nd, 2018 (weather permitting/ field conditions).



Remember to dress your children appropriately for the weather. All students will be expected to stay outside all day. Please bring extra mittens, socks or other clothing that you think your child might need to keep them warm and dry.

TED TALKS & PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITIONS



Minesing Talks is coming soon! Students have been preparing media supported speeches in the style of TED talks. TED talks are a way of presenting information you think may change how people think about a topic, similar to a traditional speech. The finalists of each class will be presenting on Tuesday February 6th in two different competitions, one for grades 4 and 5, and one for grades 6 and 7.

There will be a Springwater Lions Club Speech Competition (tentative date of February 21st) at Forest Hill Public School in the evening for 3 junior students and 3 intermediate students who wish to compete with a traditional speech. Ms. Beacom will listen to all students who wish to be considered for this competition, on February 7th and 8th.

BAKE SALE



The Grade 8 students will be holding their third Bake Sale Fundraiser of the school year on Wednesday, February 14th. Don't forget to send loonies and toonies for students to purchase homemade goodies.

All proceeds will go towards the Grade 8 end of year trip to Quebec.

FAMILY "STEAM" & LEARNING EVENING

We are looking forward to seeing all of our Minesing families at the upcoming STEAM & LEARNING Evening, on Wednesday, April 4th, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 pm.

We look forward to having many exciting hands-on learning stations for everyone relating to technology, science and math. Please watch for further details and mark your calendar for this exciting event.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

Minesing Central is now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. If your child was born in 2014 and turns four this year then they're ready for Junior Kindergarten! Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information. Registration packages are available at the school office.



OPERATIONS APPRECIATION DAY

Feb. 7th, 2018 is Operations Appreciation Day in the Simcoe County District School Board. We celebrate and recognize our custodians and operations

maintenance employees for the great work they do every day to keep our schools safe and clean.

We would like to say "thank you" to Minesing Central's two fantastic Custodians Domenic Cozzupoli and Rick Pratt. We appreciate all that you do for our school!



Please take a moment to thank these very important staff members on Feb. 7th. Share your support on social media using #props2ops.

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY



Join us in celebrating World Read Aloud Day on Thurs. Feb. 1, 2018. We think everyone in the world should get to read and write. Every year, on World Read Aloud Day, people all around the globe read aloud together and share stories to

advocate for literacy as a human right that belongs to all people. Here's why that's important:

750-million adults around the world – two-thirds of them women – lack basic reading and writing skills.

Reading aloud to children every day puts them almost a year ahead of children who do not receive daily read alouds.

SCHOOL'S IN FOR SUMMER AT THE S.C.D.S.B.



Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school! Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety of summer programs to

over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program.

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at www.learningcentres.com. Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Register now so that your

summer school choices align with course selection for next year!

SPECIAL EDUCATION INFORMATION SESSIONS

Parents invited to information sessions about special education

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

Feb. 19

Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19

Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTION ARRANGEMENTS

Simcoe County District School Board Policy states that students who travel on the bus are permitted to travel on an alternate bus in **emergency situations only**. After school visits, after school jobs, birthday parties and sleepovers are not acceptable reasons for riding to another stop. Parents are responsible to transport their child(ren) in these cases.



Parents must supply a written request to the office in advance stating the date, bus route # and reason for the request before permission may be granted.

For insurance reasons, **ONLY** bus students may ride the buses. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS



Winter weather is here, so please be sure your child's clothing provides the appropriate protection against the weather while waiting for the bus. Students are requested to be at their

bus stop at least five minutes before their scheduled pick-up time. School vehicle delays of 15 minutes or more are posted under 'View Bus Delays' at the SCSTC website: <http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca>.

THE BENEFITS OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important – it builds confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills.

While leadership skills can come naturally, children and youth often learn lessons through life experiences that significantly impact them later in life. Here are some ways you can help your child develop leadership skills at a young age:

- encourage outdoor adventures and education
- enrol in camps
- find volunteer and community service opportunities

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and Outdoor Education, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

WALKING TO SCHOOL IS GREAT FOR STUDENTS

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers means less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning.





FEBRUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
			<p>1 World Read Aloud Day</p> <p>Pajama Day</p>	<p>2 Carnaval d'hiver (K-8 outside all day for winter fun. Weather permitting/field conditions)</p>
<p>5 Lunch Orders Due by NOON</p>	<p>6 TED Talks – Gr.4, 5 - 9:30 am Gr. 6, 7, 8 – 11:30 am</p>	<p>7 School Council 6:30pm</p>	<p>8 Springwater Park – Donaldson</p> <p>Bowling – 3 Kdgn. Classes</p>	<p>9 Wali Shah & Holly Painter – Int.</p> <p>Jr. Debating Competition – Ed. Ctr.</p> <p>Springwater Park – Stones/Murphy</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 Gr. 6 OPP KIDS Program 11:30</p>	<p>14 Bake Sale</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Report Cards Go Home</p>
<p>19 FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY</p>	<p>20 Gr. 6 OPP KIDS Program 11:30</p> <p>Dental Screening Kdgn./Gr.2/Gr.8</p>	<p>21 Dental Screening Kdgn./Gr.2/Gr.8</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 Gr. 6 OPP KIDS Program 11:30</p> <p>Art for Art's Sake Gr.7</p>	<p>28 Art for Art's Sake Gr.8</p> <p>Pink Shirt Day</p>	<p>1 Area Chess Tour. Ed. Ctr.</p>	<p>2 Global Play Day @ Minesing</p>